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Nominations for many of the 2019 IAATI Awards are due in just a few short days (May 1st). Nominate yourself, your partner, or even a stranger. Great work should be recognized. Go to [www.iaati.org/awards](http://www.iaati.org/awards) before it is to late.



We are looking for hard working and enthusiastic people looking to help lead this organization into the future. It is a great experience and you will learn a whole set of new skills. For more information go to [page 7](#).

**For 2019 IAATI conference Information and updates, [click here!](#)**

## Auto Theft Today



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# IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

## Branches:

Asian Branch  
[iaati.org/ab](http://iaati.org/ab)

Australasian Branch  
[iaatiaus.org](http://iaatiaus.org)

European Branch  
[eb-iaati.org](http://eb-iaati.org)

Latin American Branch  
[iaatilatam.org](http://iaatilatam.org)

Southern African Branch  
[iaatisab.co.za](http://iaatisab.co.za)

United Kingdom Branch  
[iaati.org.uk/](http://iaati.org.uk/)

## Chapters (North America/Canada)

North Central Regional Chapter  
[ncrc-iaati.org](http://ncrc-iaati.org)

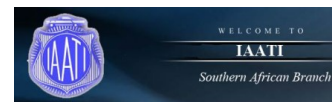
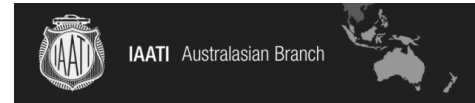
North East Regional Chapter  
[neiaati.org](http://neiaati.org)

South Central Regional Chapter  
[tavti.org](http://tavti.org)

South East Regional Chapter  
[seiaati.org](http://seiaati.org)

Western Regional Chapter  
[wrciaati.org](http://wrciaati.org)

**COMING SOON!**



# MEMBER NEWS

## Just a reminder!!!

2019 dues are NOW due

Go to the website and renew today!!



## WEBSITE UPDATE:

For photos and PowerPoint presentations from the IAATI conference in Pittsburgh, please log into [www.iaati.org](http://www.iaati.org) and go to the resources page.

# E-NEWSLETTER UPDATES

In order to provide relevant and fresh news related to vehicle theft and related crimes, the focus will be to provide more issues, more often, with the latest stories that you need to see, all at your fingertips. IAATI training seminar information, Branch/Chapter News and updates, and committee reports are all posted on the website. Auto Theft Today will have a section included with links to all of these areas on the website that you can easily access for the latest information. Below is a chart of the menus on the website to provide an overview of the wealth of information available once you log in. Please take a few minutes to visit [www.iaati.org](http://www.iaati.org) and check it out!

ABOUT IAATI	MEMBERSHIP	EVENTS	NEWS	RESOURCES	AWARDS	CERTIFICATIONS
President's Message	Application Form	IAATI Training Events	Submit a News Story	Training Resources		Certification Process
Association History	Renew Online	Non-IAATI Training Events	North & South America	Publications		Basic Certification
Branches and Chapters	Search Members	Past Events	Europe & the UK	Photo Galleries		Advanced Certification
International Board Members	Member List		Asia, Africa, & Australasia	Forum		Master Certification
Committees			Browse by Month			Certification Resources
Documentation						

Networking, sharing information and keeping up to date with the latest trends, contacts and news in the world of vehicle theft are instrumental in the always demanding world that we as investigators live in, so the majority of each issue will contain summaries of the latest incidents, arrests, and related information with links to the full story. The links can also be copied and pasted into an email to share with others.

There will also be a section that links to the "Submit a News Story" function on the website. Collectively, we can all reap greater benefits from every-one sharing just one story, one contact or one idea. Please submit yours either through the website or in an email to [enews@iaati.org](mailto:enews@iaati.org).

# Conference Updates



## 67<sup>th</sup> IAATI International Vehicle Crime Conference Glasgow, Scotland 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019



“VEHICLE CRIME AND THE CYBER FUTURE”

Conference Chairman: IAATI 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Brad Anderson ([acr1brad@comcast.net](mailto:acr1brad@comcast.net))  
On site Coordinator IAATI UK: John O’Byrne ( [jobyrne@iaati.org](mailto:jobyrne@iaati.org) )  
On site Coordinator IAATI EU: Vince Wise ([vince.wise@datatag.co.uk](mailto:vince.wise@datatag.co.uk) )



- ◆ Early Bird Registration-\$330.00 (pounds)
- ◆ 5 Day Auto Theft Awareness Sessions
- ◆ 3 Day Auto Theft Expo
- ◆ Civic Reception
- ◆ Scottish Night
- ◆ Kilt Hire-See next few pages
- ◆ WHOVA App



Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IAATI2019>



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### International Vehicle Crime Conference

#### Scottish Highland Dress – Hire Package

Tartan is historically part of the national dress for Scotland – it was a roughly woven fabric using natural plant dyes from areas occupied in the Highlands. Each Clan or family name had their own tartan or affiliated tartan, with variations of Ancient, Hunting, Modern, Dress and Weathered colourways.

However, now many people, although not associated with a clan or family, like a particular colourway and honour the Scottish heritage by wearing the outfit with a sense of pride.

We have brought together a selection of tartans to choose from with a self-measurement form to complete should you wish to dress in Scottish national attire.

Tartans available –

Black Watch – Modern Douglas – Modern Robertson – Flower of Scotland – Royal Stewart – Dress Gordon – Hunting Stewart – Spirit of Bannockburn

These can be viewed on my Facebook page – Richard Mackay Tailoring.

The complete package includes –

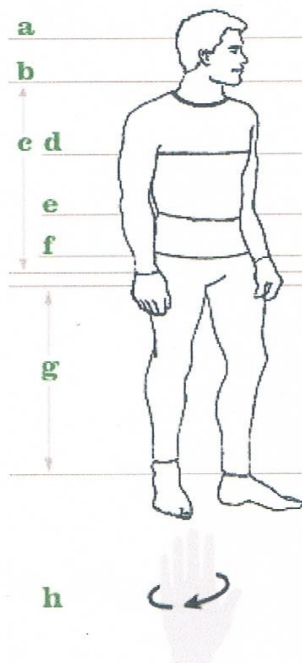
- Kilt
- Jacket
- Waistcoat
- Sporrان
- Belt
- 2 x Shirts and a Bow Tie
- Flashes and Skean Dhu
- Socks and Shoes

The total cost of the package for the duration of the event is £165.00.

# Conference Updates continued

## Self-Measurement Form

In all instances, hold tape firm and level, but not tight.



- a. Full height, from the top of your head to the floor.
- b. Neck Circumference: Wrap tape around to the base of your front neck and allow room for wearing comfort; OR measure the collar length of a favourite shirt.
- c. \*Sleeve Length: From the centre back (CB) of your neck with your arm slightly bent, follow the tape around to your wrist bone.
- d. Chest: Wrap a tape measure evenly around the fullest part under your arms.
- e. Waist: Wrap a tape around your natural waistline, - around your tummy button.
- f. Seat/Hip: Standing with your feet together, measure around the fullest part of your hip (approx. 7-8" below the waist). Don't forget to keep the tape level.
- g. Inseam: Best taken from an existing pair of trousers you like. Measure along the garment inseam from the crotch seam to the hem.
- h. Glove Hand: Measure all the way around the flat part of your hand, excluding the thumb, and around the widest part at the knuckles. Refer to sizing on product page to convert this measurement in inches to your corresponding glove size.
- i. Shoe size

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Tartan

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Measurements:

a	_____
b	_____
c	_____
d	_____
e	_____
f	_____
g	_____
h	_____
i	_____

# Get on Board

Looking for a Few Good Men and Women:

IAATI is looking for energetic members to get involved and be a part of the International Board or work on one of the thirty plus committees within IAATI. Please visit the IAATI website to view the list of Board positions and committees. All the positions and committees are equally important functions of IAATI. New ideas and personal experiences keep us moving forward. Reach out to any Board member or Committee Chairman if you have questions about the positions on the Board or Committees.

During the 67th IAATI International Vehicle Crime Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, the Nominating Committee will be conducting interviews with all the members in attendance that are interested in serving on the International Board. Unable to attend the conference this year? No problem! You can still be considered for a Board position by submitting the information requested below. We will consider all interested nominations and follow up as needed with those that cannot be present at the conference.

If you are interested in serving on the IAATI Board, please submit a short resume with the following information:

- Position you would like to be considered for
- Membership Number and the number of years that you have been an IAATI member
- Number of IAATI seminar/conferences you have attended
- Your work history and current employment
- Other positions held within IAATI Chapters/Branches and local auto theft associations
- Ideas and experiences that you have that may benefit IAATI

Presently sitting officers who may advance to the next higher position shall also provide the nominating committee the following:

- Briefly describe your accomplishments while in present office
- How you fulfilled the Constitution and By-law requirements of your particular office for the past year
- What you presently see for IAATI in the future and how you might assist

You're not ready to be a Board Member at this time due to other commitments? You can still submit your name to be involved with one of the committees. All committee members will be selected by the incoming President after the conference.

Please send an email with your resume to IAATI Past President J.D. Hough at [jdough@iaati.org](mailto:jdough@iaati.org)

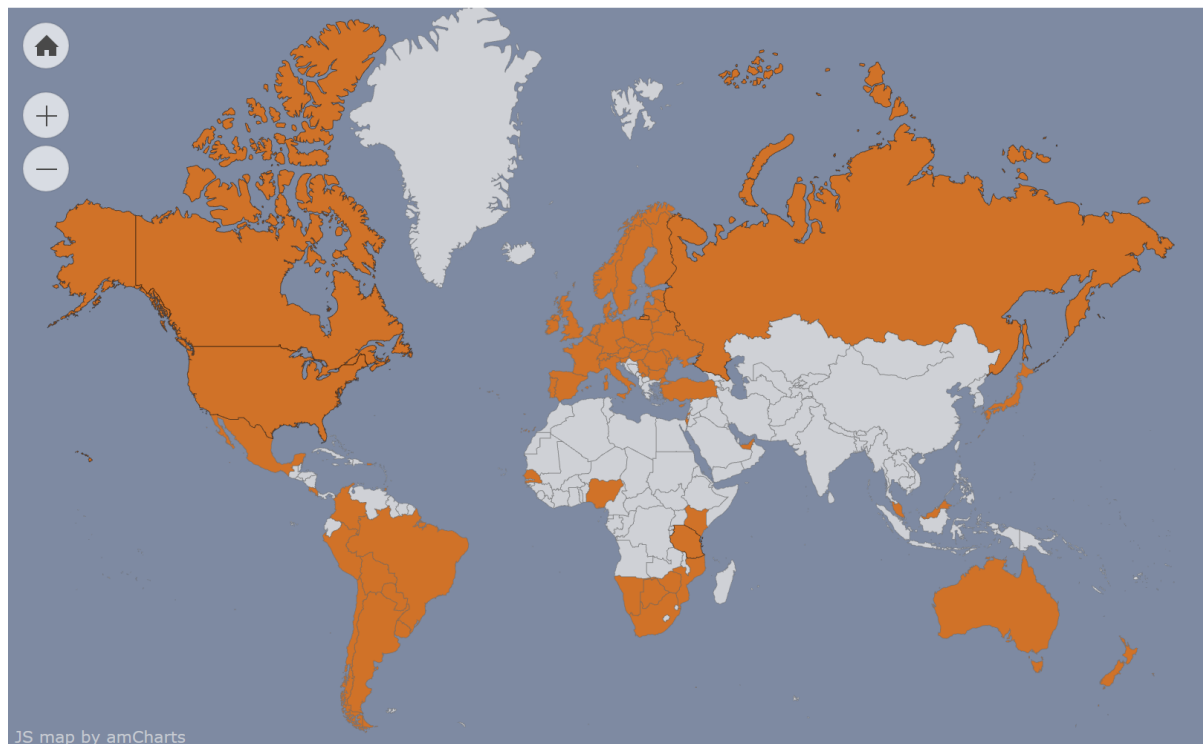
## Where in the World? By Paul Thomas

Did you know that IAATI has members in Trinidad and Tobago? Well we do, we have two members based there - Martin and Robert.

Have you ever needed a contact in Belarus, Kenya or Malaysia? Yes, we also have members there as well.

In fact we have over 3,100 members in 66 countries throughout the world.

While IAATI is currently working to expand our membership base throughout Asia, you can see from the following map that we have members in most parts of the world. These are people you can turn to for assistance with your investigations.



To find details of an IAATI member in another country simply:

Go to our website [www.iaati.org](http://www.iaati.org)

1. Click the *Account* button in the header of the home page and log in.
2. Once you have logged in, click the *Search* button in the header.
3. An orange coloured panel will open where you can either search the entire site or search for members.
4. To search for members click the blue *Member Search* button.  
The best way to search is to then click the '+ *Further options*' link. This will enable you to filter your search by a large number of data items including 'Home country'.

Alternatively, you can access this search feature from the Membership page of the website. Simply select 'Search members' from the submenu on the right side of the Membership page. Remember, as this tool is only available to financial members, you can only search for members once you have logged into your account.

As a quick guide to where we have members you can also visit the new interactive membership map on our website.

<https://www.iaati.org/membership>



# IAATI UPDATES

Chapter / Branch Information - Branch and chapter information is located on the website.

For general information and obtain contact information for a branch or chapter, please [click here](#). Information about IAATI chapters and branches can be found on the website: ABOUT IAATI/BRANCHES AND CHAPTERS. For individual chapter and branch news, please visit that website or go to page 2 and click on a logo to be directed to that branch or chapter website.

Committee Information / News / Reports - Committee information is located on the website.

For general committee information, members and their contact information, please [click here](#) or from the website, click ABOUT IAATI. To access periodic committee reports, please [click here](#). Committee reports are located on the website: ABOUT IAATI/DOCUMENTATION.

Training Seminar / Event Information - Training information is always being added to the website.

For information on all IAATI training events as well as training offered by others, please [click here](#). Members are able to view information regarding the various training opportunities available and register online when able.

Board Members / Information - Please [click here](#) to view information on the IAATI website regarding current board members.

## Auto Theft Today - Publication deadline

The next issue of Auto Theft Today will be released end of December. If you have any articles, photographs, member news, or anything else to include in the next issue, please [click here to submit a story](#) or send an email to [enews@iaati.org](mailto:enews@iaati.org). In order to have your information included in the next edition, please submit or email everything by the 10th of each month.

## Board Members and Committee Members wanted!

Each year during the annual IAATI conference, members elect a new board of directors. New committee members are selected as well. Now is the time to do your part and submit your intent to serve on the IAATI board or one of the committees. It is as simple as sending an email to the chair of the Nominating Committee, Past President JD Hough at [jdhough@iaati.org](mailto:jdhough@iaati.org).

When submitting your email, please including the following information:

- Your name and number of years you have been an IAATI member along with membership number;
- Your profession and current employer;
- Your reasons for wanting to get more involved;
- The number of IAATI seminars you have attended over the past years;
- What ideas you have that might benefit IAATI;
- Your experience/work within your local IAATI chapter/branch.



## IACP's Vehicle Crimes Committee has been busy for the last few years!

The committee continually works on multiple issues regarding vehicle related crimes. Currently work groups are focusing on rental vehicle thefts, emerging technology issues and creating a vehicle crimes toolkit for smaller agencies.

[Click here](#) to see what resources are available for your agency!



## Awards & Recognition

Know a member that received an award, promotion, or other special recognition. Please let us know and we will share the wonderful news.

Email [enews@iaati.org](mailto:enews@iaati.org).



## Awards Nominations

With a busy work life we rarely take time out to sit back and review our work or that of others. We rush to finish one job and then move straight on to the next. However it is important that we all occasionally take a moment and assess ours and our colleagues work, and then acknowledge those examples of outstanding achievement.

While all Chapters and Branches have their own local awards the International Board also manages a total of eight awards including:

- Raymond H. Dreher Memorial Award
- The IAATI Award of Merit
- IAATI President's Award
- IAATI Directors Award
- The IAATI Insurance Investigator of the Year Award
- IAATI Heavy Equipment Award
- IAATI Component Parts Markings Award
- NICB Award of Excellence

Nominations for all Awards close on 1st May each year, but you don't need to wait until then. Why not use some free time over the Christmas holidays to nominate someone and send it in.

Details on the criteria for each award and how to nominate can be found on the Awards Page of the website at <https://www.iaati.org/awards>

You Chapters also have awards available. Please reach out or look at their websites and see what is available and the due dates as they will all be different. It is important to recognize all the dedicated handworkers out there. Please take the few minutes and nominate these important people.

## Award Nominations...



**To submit a nomination for the Components Parts Marking Award!**

**Do you know how an investigator who cracked a case using a components parts marking?**

**Last year's winner was the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Taskforce, who when following a fake OEM label discovered stolen cars, handguns and over 277 pounds of methamphetamine!**

**This year it could be somebody you know, so submit a nomination on how they "cracked" their case and get them recognized for their victory.**

**Nominations can be submitted using any of the following examples:**

- ♦ **OEM - VINs, ID marks, OEM electronic parts marking**
- ♦ **Aftermarket - Etching or branding solutions, electronic parts marking RF tags, microdots, DNA fluids, and UV light markings.**

**So here is your opportunity... please submit nomination to [jvabounader@iaati.org](mailto:jvabounader@iaati.org) and [regphillips@iaati.org](mailto:regphillips@iaati.org) or share this email with somebody who will... because we only have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to get this submitted.**

**All nomination should be emailed to John Abounader and Reg Phillips**

**Thank you**

## Award Nominations...

The IAATI Merit Award Committee  
International Association of Auto Theft Investigators

Dear IAATI Members

It has been identified during recent discussions that there has been a deficiency in nominations being submitted for consideration to the Merit Award Committee. As we are all aware our law enforcement officers and investigators of the like are experiencing some very difficult and harrowing times in being able to conduct their everyday business. The nature of contact with the community is becoming more difficult to navigate due to the ever-changing climate of community contact being experienced by police, whether this be through police interactions with offenders and or perceptions held by the general community when dealing with police and other enforcement investigators.

The Merit of Award and other award nominations are a time for IAATI as an organisation to be able to acknowledge the skill, professionalism and hardship in investigating offences in today's climate of digital technology, media and prosecutorial restrictions. It is a forum for us to honour the time taken to investigate these offences, and in many cases, the impingement on an officers/unit's own work life balance that effects not just them but their families as well.

I would like to request that any or all awards that are nominated at a branch/chapter conference be submitted for consideration to the merit awards committee. We as a committee are committed to the process of reviewing these nominations and are honoured to acknowledge the exceptional work being undertaken by our law enforcement.

In 2015 Detective Senior Constable Catherine Horton from the Australasian Branch was successful in receiving the Merit of Award. Her testimonial to the value of receiving this award: *'It was a surprise and an honour to stand in front of a room full of experienced hard-working law enforcement officers, and other like investigators, from around the world who face the same hardships as we do in Australia every day. This award was an acknowledgement to me of the time and hard work I put into this investigation and renewed my faith in what I do every day, thank you'*.

Even if you are unsure if a particular nomination fits the criteria of a merit award please do not hesitate to submit it for consideration as we are more than willing to assess the nomination and make a determination if it fulfils the criteria, and if necessary, forward it to the right award category for consideration.

If you have any further questions or wish to discuss the merits of this request please do not hesitate to contact the merit award committee to discuss further.

Yours sincerely  
IAATI Merit Awards Committee

# Training Opportunities

## 2019 Auto Theft Training Seminars Submitted by Past Pres. Denny Roske

Training is one of the most important areas that we as auto theft investigators need to continually seek out. With the trends in auto theft changing on a daily basis, we need to stay on top of these new developments that can assist us with prevention, identification, investigation, and prosecution. If you know of any other auto theft courses that are being offered, please contact me at: [iaatidenny@aol.com](mailto:iaatidenny@aol.com) IAATI will also post course announcements on our web site & the IAATI e-news during the year. Always check the IAATI web site for training information at: [iaati.org](http://iaati.org) The following auto theft training courses are being offered at this time:

TRAINING LOCATION	DATE	CONTACT INFO.
<b>National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)</b> on line training web site, click on: courses	Continuous	<a href="http://www.NICBTraining.org">www.NICBTraining.org</a>
<b>Colorado Auto Theft Inves.</b> Steamboat, Colorado	April 29 <sup>th</sup> - May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Joni Tangeman</b> <a href="mailto:JTangeman@arapahoegov.com">JTangeman@arapahoegov.com</a>
<b>NICB Special Investigations</b> St. Louis, Missouri	May 6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Katie Zofkie</b> <a href="mailto:KZofkie@nicb.org">KZofkie@nicb.org</a>
<b>Northeast Regional Chapter</b> Bridgewater, New Jersey	May 13 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cory Rodriguez</b> <a href="mailto:coryrodriguez@gmail.com">coryrodriguez@gmail.com</a>
<b>National Odometer &amp; Title Fraud Enforcement Assoc.</b> St. Louis, Missouri	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jason Shrader</b> Ph. 704-331-4506
<b>North Central &amp; South East Regional Chapters</b> Lexington, Kentucky	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cheryl Zofkie</b> <a href="mailto:czofkie@nicb.org">czofkie@nicb.org</a>
<b>Inter. Assoc. of Financial Crimes Investigators</b> Raleigh, North Carolina	Aug. 26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="mailto:admin@iafci.org">admin@iafci.org</a> Ph. 916-939-5000
<b>67<sup>th</sup> International Seminar</b> <b>New Glasgow, Scotland</b>	Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	John O'Byrne <a href="mailto:john@hodgsonlawyers.com.au">john@hodgsonlawyers.com.au</a>
<b>National Cargo Theft Summit</b> Louisville, Kentucky	Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Melissa Sullivan</b> <a href="mailto:MSullivan@nicb.org">MSullivan@nicb.org</a>
<b>South Central Regional Chapter</b> Waco, Texas	Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Michelle Snyder</b> <a href="mailto:msnyderhotafft@yahoo.com">msnyderhotafft@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Western Chapter &amp; Southern Western States Auto Theft Inv.</b> San Diego, California	Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mick O'Neill</b> <a href="mailto:moneill@HAGERTY.com">moneill@HAGERTY.com</a>

# NMVTIS

## What is NMVTIS you ask?



According to the website, The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is, among other things, a tool that assists local, state, and federal law enforcement in investigating, deterring, and preventing vehicle-related crimes.

Please [visit the website](#) to learn more about [NMVTIS and its Benefits to Law Enforcement](#).

## IN THE NEWS...

**Ford tackles keyless car theft with new 'sleeping' key fob.** April 10 2019, [www.whatcar.com](http://www.whatcar.com), reports that Fiesta and Focus get new keyless entry key fobs with a sleep mode in order to protect them against thieves.

**Stolen number plates: The law and what to do if yours is cloned.** January 7, 2019, <https://bennetts.co.uk>, Reports over 29,000 vehicle registration plates were stolen in just one year..

**Minneapolis Police: Older Hondas Targeted In Recent Car Theft Uptick.** April 19, 2019, <https://minnesota.cbslocal.com> reports older Hondas have been recently targets but still seems to be a crime of opportunity in most cases.

**Tackling Albuquerque's auto theft problem.** April 4 2019, <https://www.abqjournal.com> reports how one agency works to combat auto theft.

**ABI Proposes Reforms To Salvage System to Prevent Write-Off Fraud & Theft.** April 12, 2019, according to <https://www.insurance-edge.net>, six loopholes in the salvage system are being addresses.

## Tools for your Toolbox

Here you will find publications that could be used as a tool for the trade. If you have anything you would like to share here please email it to [enews@iaati.org](mailto:enews@iaati.org).

- [VEHICLE RENTAL/LEASING INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS: A FORCE MULTIPLIER](#)
- [TSA Rental Truck Brochure](#)